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DEQ Drinking Water Protection Program moves into Tangipahoa Parish

BATON ROUGE - The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality recently selected Tangipahoa Parish as the next stop for its drinking water protection campaign. "Protect Drinking Water One Drop at a Time" is the slogan for the program and its goal is to increase the public's awareness and participation in protecting the area's drinking water.

The campaign will officially kickoff with the first Tangipahoa Parish Community Meeting on Thursday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Tangipahoa Parish Convention and Visitor Center. 13143 Wardline Road, Hammond.

The Drinking Water Protection Program is a voluntary program designed to assist communities in protecting their drinking water sources. The campaign seeks to involve private citizens, community groups, water systems, local government officials, businesses and industry in the protection of the parish's waters. The meeting will address the goals of the program and how people can participate. Clean water is essential for good health and DEQ's Drinking Water Protection Team will share protection and conservation tips that residents can use in their homes and businesses.

DEQ encourages all residents in Tangipahoa Parish to attend the community meeting and to take an active role in ensuring clean drinking water for the future. The Drinking Water Protection Program is seeking volunteers to serve on committees to work with the community in creating a sustainable drinking water protection program.

For more information you may contact drinking water team members at 225-219-3510 and visit the Web page at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/PROGRAMS/DrinkingWaterProtectionProgram.aspx.